

CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: John Allen

At its September 8 meeting, the CAC received updates on CMAP's funding and the federal transportation reauthorization bill from Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn and on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality improvement (CMAQ) program from Holly Ostdick. The committee also had a lengthy discussion about the results from this summer's outreach activities that included "Invent the Future" workshops, fairs, festivals and kiosks, as well as about their own participations. The committee tabled discussion of a CAC blog until its next meeting, scheduled for October 13.

Economic & Community Development

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee met on July 28. RCF Economic and financial consulting group gave a presentation outlining major findings from the innovation strategy report. Two additional strategy reports, Export Promotion-Import Substitution, and Green Economic Development were also available. The Committee felt there wasn't sufficient time to review the papers at one meeting, and agreed not to meet as a full committee in August rather would schedule 3 subcommittee meetings to review all papers and compile recommendations. The full committee will review the results at its September meeting, presently scheduled for Tuesday, September, 22.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee met on September 2. Staff provided an update on the Regional Water Supply Plan slated to be completed later this year. After funding was lost for the initiative in 2008, local contributions and partial budget restoration by the state permitted the project to continue with an extension. CMAP and partners have developed estimates of future demand and made recommendations for reducing those demands via conservation practices and land use policy measures. Staff also responded to recommendations from the ENR Committee at its July meeting to measure wetland impacts, connectivity, and runoff for each scenario and presented analyses in each of these areas. An update on CMAP activities under ARRA was deferred until the next meeting, which is scheduled for October 7.

Housing

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

The Housing Committee met on August 20th. Two new members to the housing committee were welcomed: Stacie Young of DePaul University and David Gravel representing the Homebuilders Association of Greater Chicago. Lee Deuben distributed the letter to financial institutions as a Call to Action in regard to foreclosure, an action requested by the CMAP Board. Committee member Adam Dontz gave a brief overview of housing trends in the Chicago region based on MetroStudy's recent quarterly report and stressed that now is the time

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to get homebuilders and municipalities together to discuss how to get the housing market moving again. Nancy Firfer reported that Metropolis 2020 and the Mayors Caucus are working with the Urban Land Institute to plan an event this fall. A suggestion was made that CMAP take the lead in facilitating discussions with municipalities and CMAP staff member, Lee Deuben offered to form a sub-committee to further discuss CMAP's role and next steps. Bob Dean provided an updated draft of the preferred scenario memo and Andrew Williams-Clark provided the committee with a draft survey on housing innovation indicators. Williams Clark requested and collected feedback from the committee on the initial list of questions.

Human Services

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

At its July meeting, the Human Services Committee focused its attention on *GO TO 2040* activities, specifically scenario development and the "Invent the Future" workshops. The committee discussed the status of 2-1-1 efforts both nationally and in Illinois. Specific mention was given to legislation (SB 1922 creating a 2-1-1 governance structure in Illinois to guide the development and implementation of a 2-1-1 information and referral phone system, something that already exist in 48 other states) that passed the Illinois legislature and awaits the Governor's signature. The committee started discussion of how to approach analyzing the impacts transportation and land use projects and policies may have on public health. The Human Services committee did not meet in August, and is scheduled to meet again on September 17.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Ty Warner

The Land Use Committee met on August 19. In *GO TO 2040* related matters, the Committee discussed a memo from Bob Dean on scenario construction for the regional planning effort, and then responded to a presentation from Jesse Elam on density and infrastructure costs. Ryan Ames, a CMAP intern, gave a presentation on the Compendium of Plans Update project, which contains a compilation and analysis of the most recent comprehensive plans from all municipalities in CMAP's service area. An assessment is also made of the level of focus those plans give to key elements of the Local Planning Technical Assistance Act and *GO TO 2040*'s strategy studies. These assessments are then compared against the first Compendium of Plans project completed as part of NIPC's Common Ground process. The project update thereby compares trends in the region's comprehensive plans, helps target CMAP's technical assistance activity, helps focus needed implementation areas for *GO TO 2040*, and creates a system for example plan referral for municipalities undergoing comprehensive planning updates. Finally, Dennis Sandquist, Planning & Development Director for McHenry County (and Land Use Committee member), gave the Committee an overview of McHenry County's 2030 Planning Process which is moving toward completion. The Land Use Committee meets again on September 16.

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Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation committee met on July 9, 2009 and discussed the preliminary results of the development and evaluation of the alternative scenarios and the financial plan for *GO TO 2040*. Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) and Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA) staff discussed the Chicago area congestion pricing study with the committee and members agreed to complete an online survey on the facilities to be considered. The Transportation Committee released the proposed Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010-2011 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement program, the semi-annual conformity Regional Transportation Plan/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) analysis, and TIP amendments for a 30-day public comment period. An updated state/regional resources table reflecting the latest information on transportation funding available to the region was approved for use in finding fiscal constraint of the TIP and a status report on the Regional Greenways and Trail Plan update was presented.

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